

to see a great way.”

“Ou, ay, ou, ay, a ferry great way.”

“Ah, you will see America from here?”

“Farther than that,” said Donald.

“Ah! how’s that?”

“Ou, juist wait till the mists gang awa’, an’ you’ll see the moon.”

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### **MADE HIM “EAT HIS WORDS”**

We often hear the expression, “I’ll make him eat his words”—meaning that he will have to take back some statement he had made. This expression dates back to times when people who were so unfortunate as to have written or printed something which did not please their rulers, they were made actually to “eat” their words.

It is related that in Russia for instance, when the censorship was even more severe there than it is now, the author of a book incurred the displeasure of the authorities by an essay in which he urged against the unlimited power of the czar. The offender was condemned to “eat his words,” and he had to do it before all the chief officials of the place and a big assemblage of the populace.

A scaffold was put up in the public square and the leaves of the condemned book were torn out and fed to the writer one at a time. At first he refused to swallow them but on being threatened with the bastinado he chewed up the paper and gulped it down. Finally when the doctor in attendance decided that he had all he could stand without being killed he was let off. It’s lucky people don’t have to eat their own words nowadays, else some of them would have chronic indigestion.